

April 15, 2007

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Implementation of Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write to you in support of the Petitioners Martha Wright, *et al.* ("Petitioners") and their proposal to establish benchmark rates for long distance prison inmate calling services. I am concerned with this issue because I have a relative incarcerated at a prison in Maine. The cost of the telephone calls are excessive and severely limit the amount of contact with my loved one.

If the rates for the phone calls were capped, I could more easily afford to talk with my loved one. These calls help keep our family connected and is key to rehabilitation and successful re-entry.

I urge the Commission to grant the relief requested in Petitioners' Alternative Proposal for Rulemaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A Pierce